

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 8/13/87

SOCIAL SECURITY

NUMBER

FULL NAME ROBERT DALE KERNS

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS

CITY TALEQUAH

STATE OK

ZIP CODE 74464

DATE OF BIRTH 7/1/63 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY _____

OCCUPATION STUDENT

EDUCATION ROGERS STATE COLLEGE, CLAREMORE OK 74017

WEIGHT 200 HEIGHT 5'10" RACE WHITE

COLOR OF HAIR BROWN TO BLONDE COLOR OF EYES BLUE

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS SCUBA INSTRUCTOR, BOAT CAPTIAN, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

MARRIED OR SINGLE SINGLE CHILDREN NONE

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

| UNIT # | CITY | STATE | POSITION | DATE REGISTERED | DATE RESIGNED |
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FLORIDA SEA BASE SEASONAL STAFF 1984-1987
EXPLORING - SOUTHCENTRAL REGION AND CIRCLE TEN COUNCIL

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

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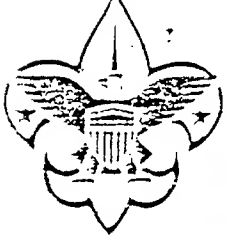
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Signed

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council



PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH, BSA



July 27, 1988

TO: PAUL I. ERNST

FROM: CHUCK BUENGER *(signature)*

Enclosed is the file on Robert Kerns who was employed at the sea base.
This may duplicate information you already have but thought you should
have this file.

CMB/mv
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Ralph Jordan
FROM: Samuel E. Wampler
SUBJECT: Suspension of Robert Kerns Registration
DATE: August 13, 1987

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

THE

[REDACTED]

██████████ on Saturday August 1, 1987. ██████████ asked me to walk to the end of the T-dock and talk with him. He told me that Robert Harris the night before (July 31, 1987) had asked him ██████████ if wanted to sleep in his room, with the air conditioning and a soft bed. ██████████ who at the time was sleeping in the staff lounge and didn't have a room to stay in except the

August 12, 1987



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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date August 13, 1987

Full name Robert Dale Kerns
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number

[REDACTED]

Address

[REDACTED]

City

Talequah

State

Oklahoma

Zip Code

74464

Date of Birth 07/01/63

(This is important and should be exact.)

X

Approximate age

(To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

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Unknown

Nationality

Occupation

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Claremore, OK 74017

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Children

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

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Spouse's name

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Florida Sea Base Seasonal Staff 1984 - 1987

Exploring - South Central Region

Circle Ten Council

Unit No.

Florida Sea Base

City

Islamorada

State

Florida

Position

Base Medical Officer/Scuba Instructor

Date registered

Date resigned

Special recognition

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Signed



Samuel E. Wampler, Director
Florida National High Adventure Sea Base

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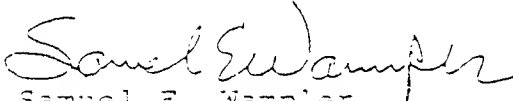
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Sincerely yours,


Samuel E. Wampler
Director



Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

mdw

cc: South Central Region

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READY TO FILE
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ERIN ORILEY

October 12, 1987

William Christian
Scout Executive
Circle Ten Council, No. 571

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Robert Kerns

Dear Bill:

Thank you very much for the information you recently sent me concerning the above named individual. This is helpful in strengthening our file so we will be able to refuse any applications for registration.

Thank again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

mdw

cc: South Central Region

READY TO FILE
OCT 12 1987
ERIN ORILEY

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Wes Jurey
Camp Director
Camp Cherokee

7/9/83

Dear Sir,

With the acceptance of this letter,
I give to you my resignation.

Due to the circulating rumors, and
accusations I feel that I'm ineffective
as a Staff member. Also as to Safeguard
to Integrity and reputation of Camp Cherokee
and the BSA program, I feel I should separate
myself from camp while these matters are
being attended to.

With this in consideration, the sacrifice
I made to my regional duties now seems
inappropriate. I will attend to them at
this time where I left off this summer
for camp.

With all due Respect,

DJR

Robert "Doc" Kerns

anyone until this summer (1983) when ~~he~~ he
felt he had to talk about it, and did so
to [REDACTED] a close friend.

I asked him if he would confront Doc with
the same story if requested to, and he stated he
would.

I then informed Ric Wilkins, who I instruct
me to wait until June 29, when he, Billy
Hankle and Bill Christian would be at camp
to discuss it with me.

Following that discussion, it was
determined that [REDACTED] and I would
confront Doc.

We did so the evening of June 29.
I stated that we (the council) were not
accusing Doc of anything, but that "a member
of the camp staff had stated that Doc
had put his (Doc's) hand in the staff
members pants while he (the staff member)
was asleep."

Doc's response was to deny the charge.
I also mentioned that other staff members had
told me Doc had been asked to leave
camp in 1980 based on a similar accusation.
~~Doc~~ Doc confirmed he'd been asked to leave,
but ~~denied~~ denied that there was anything
to that accusation.

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I then asked him if he'd be willing to face his accusers, & he said he would.

I met again with Doc, [redacted] & [redacted] the morning of June 30. [redacted] repeated the same story, Doc denied it. I then asked both if they'd be willing to take a lie detector test, making it clear we (the council) would not and did not require it, only that ~~as~~ we would give them that opportunity. Both responded they would.

I then called [redacted], to who instructed me that [redacted] would be tested the morning of July 6.

[redacted] advised me ~~that~~ on July 6 that [redacted] had passed.

I then met again on that day with Doc and [redacted]. I advised Doc of the results of [redacted] tests, and asked if he could change his story. He repeated his denial of the charge, and asked to take a polygraph himself. [redacted] called and set it up for July 8. I informed Doc that we were still not accusing him of anything, but that due to the nature of the current evidence I would ask that Doc leave camp until we could clear the matter up.

NARRATIVE: RE ROBERT KEENE

7-7-83

My first knowledge of a possible problem
came from a remark by [REDACTED] ^{June 26} who
told me it. I "heard the rumor that Doc
(Robert Keene) was queer." I responded I
hadn't, and he replied "I'll stop it" because he
wants to work with me, and they're not going to say
that.

[REDACTED]

A short time later [REDACTED] came to me
with [REDACTED] and stated at [REDACTED] the [REDACTED]
camp last summer, he [REDACTED] Doc (Robert Keene) and one
or two others stayed over at the health lodge to
help [REDACTED] on some work projects.

He stated he "woke up one night to find
Doc's hand in his pants." He further stated he
got up and went into the other room without
saying anything, and had not mentioned it to

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Doc ^{agreed} ~~agreed~~ and left.

The morning of July 8 [redacted] called to tell me Doc had failed his test.

I then received a call from [redacted] informing me Doc had just left his house and agreed to resign, and wanted a chance to tell the staff why he was leaving.

I met with Doc when he arrived at camp, and he and I agreed on the following:

a) it would not be in the best interest of Doc or the staff for him to tell them why he was leaving.

b) I would tell the staff that Doc left to honor his regional Explorer commitment and because of the rumors he felt he was ineffective.

c) I also stated again that he was not being accused of anything, but that we did have polygraph evidence that supported the belief that he had been less than truthful with us.

Doc left camp the evening of July 8.

[redacted]

CANNON PROTECTIVE SERVICES, INC.

[REDACTED]
DALLAS, TEXAS 75235

CASE NO. D-9000 DATE: July 8, 1983
STYLE: BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (CIRCLE 10 COUNCIL)

Basis for Investigation:

[REDACTED], Director of Camping, contacted Cannon Protective Services, Inc. [REDACTED] reported that a camp staff member had been suspected of making a homosexual advance toward a boy scout.

Arrangements were made to interview and administer polygraph examinations to the victim, [REDACTED] on July 6, 1983.

[REDACTED] was interviewed by a polygraph examiner and rendered a written statement. [REDACTED] advised that he was at summer camp in 1982 in Athens, Texas. [REDACTED] stated he was awakened one night and found Camp Staff Member Robert Kearns had his hand inside of his underwear touching his private parts.

A polygraph examination was administered and it was the opinion of the examiner that [REDACTED] was truthful in his statement.

On July 8, 1983, arrangements were made to interview Robert Kerns.

Robert Dale Kerns (Social Security Number [REDACTED])

During the pretest interview Kerns denied that he had put his hand

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inside the pants of [REDACTED].

A polygraph test was administered and it was the opinion of the examiner that Kerns was not truthful when he denied this.

When confronted with the deceptive response, Kerns provided no reasonable explanation for these reactions.

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EXAMINATION CONSENT FORM

After having had the nature and purpose of this examination explained, and been advised that I could not be forced to take this examination, I do hereby, without duress, voluntarily agree to take this polygraph examination and hereby release, absolve, and forever hold harmless, the Boy Scouts of America, their agents, and employees from all claims and/or liabilities resulting from this examination. I further give permission for the results of this examination to be conveyed to the Boy Scouts of America for whom I am taking this examination.

Person to be tested: _____

Witness:

Date: _____

July 6, 1983

My name is [REDACTED]
I am a boy scout. I summer of
1982 I was sleeping at camp in
Athens, Texas. I was awakened one
night and found that Robert Kearns
had his hand inside my underwear
touching my private parts. I got
my sleeping bag and moved to the
other room.

[REDACTED]

WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED _____

COUNCIL # 571

PHONE NO: _____

CALLER: Bill Christian

POSITION: _____

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION _____

VETERANS _____

EXPLORING _____

SCOUTING _____

BOYS' LIFE _____

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

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ROBERT KERNS WAS ON
CIRCLE TEN, CAMP STAFF

COUNCIL WILL SEND SOME INFO

Print
9-10-87

NAME _____

DATE _____

TIME _____

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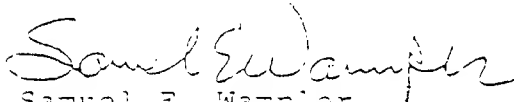
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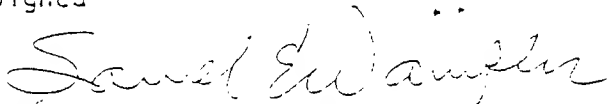
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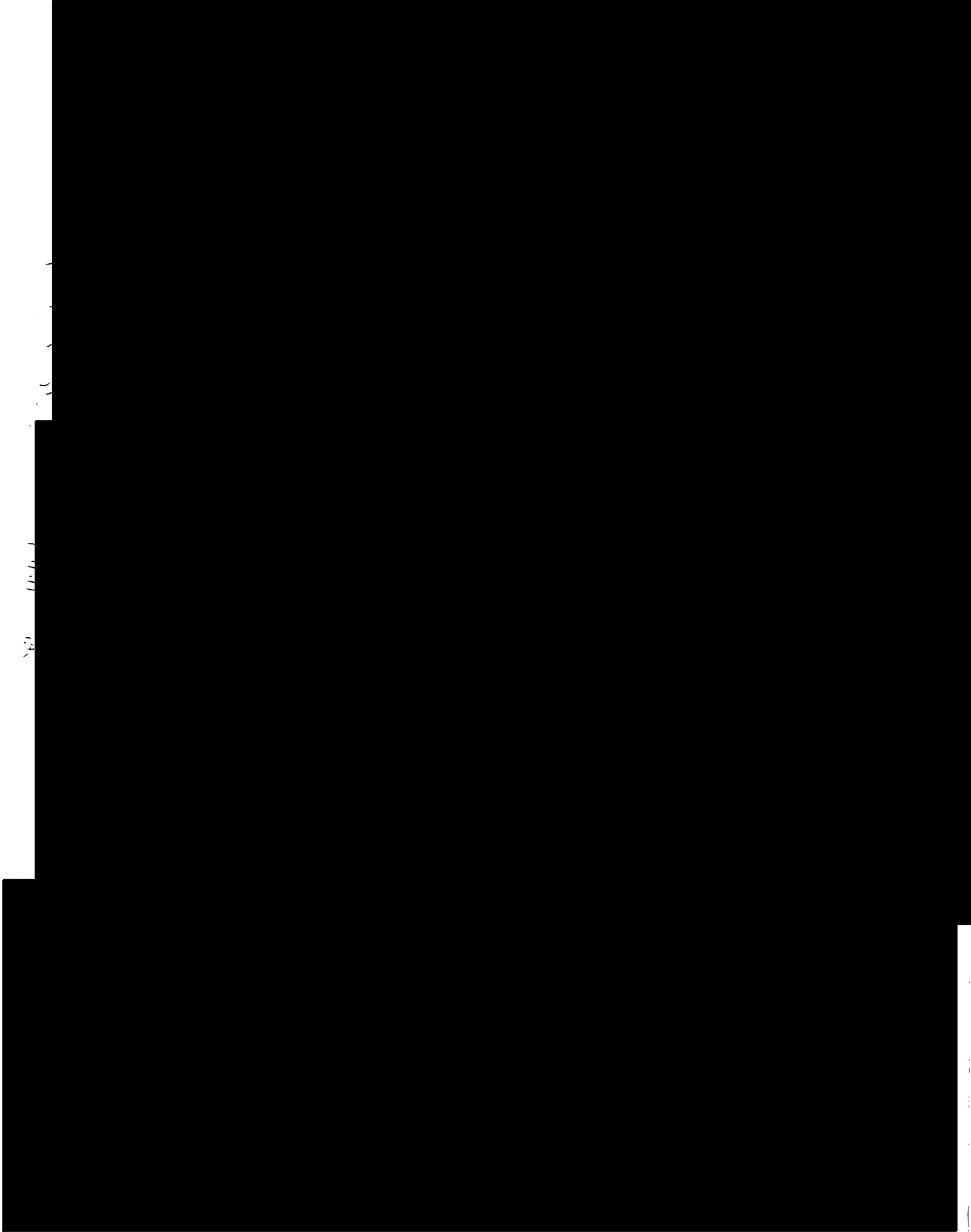


Samuel E. Wampler, Director
Florida National High Adventure Sea Base

Council







August 12 1987



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WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED _____

COUNCIL # _____

PHONE NO: _____

CALLER: _____

FRANK COLLINS
PROGRAM

POSITION: _____

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION _____

VETERANS _____

EXPLORING _____

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SCOUTING _____

BOYS' LIFE _____

UNIT # _____

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EXP. DATE _____

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ROBERT KERNS AGE 25

STAFF AT SEA BASE - FLORIDA

DISMISSED - MOLESTATION STAFF MEMBER
AGE 17

INFO WILL FOLLOW BY MAIL

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NAME

P. Smith

DATE

8-13-87

TIME

8:45 PM

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NEWS ADVISORY

Date: August 14, 1987

Signed:

Barclay Bollas
Barclay Bollas

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Ext: 2271

Source: * Sam Wampler, Director
Florida High Adventure Sea Base

Address:

* Initial information from Paul Ernst.

THE FACTS:

A 24-year-old staff member serving as the Sea Base medical technician and as a diver instructor had his registration suspended this week and was asked to leave the base following allegations from other staff members involving sexual improprieties.

Wampler says the man was not fired, and no charges were filed.

Apparently a 17-year-old counselor in training reported to his supervisor that the individual in question had fondled him after he accepted an invitation to sleep in the 24-year-old's air-conditioned quarters (counselors in training share space with Scout and Explorer crews in un-airconditioned buildings).

The 17-year-old's superior had dismissed earlier allegations by at least one other 17-year-old counselor in training involving the same scenario.

The supervisor and the first 17-year-old mentioned went to Wampler at this point and the 24-year-old was confronted with the allegations.

Wampler says the man was on his staff for 5 seasons, was well liked, and had baby sat his children many times. Wampler stated Ralph Jordan has the file on this case.

ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Robert
~~Reese~~ Kerns